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SONS PAID DEBTS OF DEAD FATHERS

Marble Company Took Their Wages to Satisfy
Rent Bills—Strike Commission
Yesterday Heard Evidence

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Scranton, Pa., Dec. 8.—Almost the entire time of the day's session of the coal strike commission was taken up by the mine workers in presenting their side of the controversy with G. B. Markle and company in the Hazelton region.

The miners placed witnesses on the stand who gave testimony to show that the company refused to employ them because they belonged to the union; had evicted them from their houses for the same cause; that the docking system was intolerable; that the question of the men getting a 10 per cent increase in their wages was granted as the result of the strike of 1900 was much in doubt, because the men do not know how the company is figuring it out; that the price of powder which enters into computation on the increase has been raised and that the size of the mine cars has been increased but wages have not.

Two Hungarian women, one of them the mother of a boy who testified Saturday, was placed on the stand, and told how the Markle company deducted the house rent from the last wages of their husbands, who were killed in the mines.

The women also confirmed the statement that the children had to work without pay until the debt owned by their dead fathers was paid off. The Markle company was not represented at the hearing.

There was a flurry at the afternoon session when Lawyer Ira H. Burns of Scranton, for the independent companies referred to the President of the United States as "Teddy" Roosevelt. An emphatic objection was made by General Wilson, who was sustained by Chairman Gray.

B. P. O. E. MEMORIAL

BISBEE LODGE, NO. 671, PAYS
TRIBUTE TO DEAD

Impressive and Beautiful Ceremony
Rendered at Opera House Sunday
Afternoon—Mr. Barrett Addresses

The Elks met in the opera house at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon and paid loving tribute to the departed brother who during the year last past had been summoned before the Exalted Ruler of the universe.

The memorial services under the auspices of the Elks was the most impressive and beautiful ever held in this city and reflected honor and credit upon that brotherhood which for its corner stone has the solid rock of charity, upon which have been built the three great mottoes, brotherly love, justice and fidelity.

The opera house had been decorated in a lavish manner under the guiding hand of Mr. Deering and in keeping with other things attempted by the Elks in this city, an expense or labor had been spared. Choice flowers came by express from California and intermingled with the evergreens and smilax. The opera house presented a beautiful appearance entirely in keeping with the program which was rendered and which will never be forgot.

It is the custom of the Elks to assemble once each year and hold memorial services in remembrance of departed brothers. The services held on Sunday last was the first ever held in this city by the local lodge, but it is no exaggeration to say that no one left the opera house last Sunday who had not been impressed with the noble purposes of that order and the elevating and worthy principles which they teach from their ritual.

The opera house was comfortably filled when the members of the lodge filed down the aisles and took their places in the front rows, and the officers, led by Esquire N. F. D. Nichols, mounted the stage and took their stations, while the funeral march from Chopin was rendered in a masterful manner by Mr. John Douglas.

Dr. F. A. Sweet called the lodge to order and the ritual ceremonies were enacted, followed by a vocal selection "Atilia," rendered by Mrs. J. J. Harrington, Mrs. W. K. Porter and Mr. Robert Ellis. This was one of the special features of the program and was a beautiful selection, and demonstrates that Bisbee possesses musical talent second to none in the territory. To select any certain part of the program and give it more praise than another, would be an injustice. Rev. H. M. Shields, Col. Wm. Herring, Mr. Robert Ellis, J. W. Barrett, Miss Grace Grimm, H. S. Morrow and Mr. John Douglas helped to make the memorial services of the Elks one long to be remembered.

The musical program, under the direction of Mr. Robert Ellis, was exceptionally fine and to Mrs. J. J. Harrington and Miss Grace Grimm the Elks will always be under many obligations.

The Bisbee lodge was fortunate in securing such able speakers as Col. William Herring, J. W. Barrett and H. S. Morrow. The closing address of H. S. Morrow on the "Brotherhood of Elks" was very touching as in a simple manner he told of the cardinal principles that underlie the Brotherhood of Elks.

The impressive ceremony lasted for more than an hour and as the benediction was pronounced and the vast audience dismissed Bisbee Lodge, No. 671 had paid its tribute to the departed dead in a manner that had made a lasting impression.

The committee on arrangements for the occasion were T. F. O'Connell, L. G. Jackson, S. Frankenberg.

Marks Successfully Places Mines.

Emil Marks, the well known Bisbeeite was in Tombstone yesterday having just returned from a trip to Marquette, Michigan, where he went on mining business. He has been absent from the county for about ten days and during that time has succeeded in placing a group of claims in the Warren district with prominent capitalists of Michigan. A stock company has been formed to take hold of the property and will at once begin the development of the claims. The property is located in close proximity to the Calumet & Arizona company and the South Bisbee properties. The name of the company who will work the claims will be known as the Marquette & Arizona Mining Co., a number of shares of which have already been sold in Michigan at \$10 per share.

PROSPECTOR.

—Prospector.

OMAHA HOUSE FAILS

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 8.—On application of the attorney representing the local creditors, Judge Munger in the federal court today appointed a receiver for the W. E. Bennett Company. The proprietors own one of the largest department stores in this city. The liabilities are \$447,000 and the assets \$600,000.

METAL AND MONEY

New York, Dec. 8.—Mexican dollars 37; silver 4 1/2. Copper, Lake 11.65; Electrolytic and Casting 11.45.

TO IRRIGATE OVER TWO MILLION ACRES

Santa Fe Limited Wrecked Yesterday in Missouri
Stillwell Road to Begin Laying
Track At Once

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 8.—A special from Montreal today says:

Among the improvements proposed at the executive session of the Canadian Pacific railroad today is a proposition for the irrigation of 2,500,000 acres of semi-arid lands between Calgary and Medicine Hat. The expense will be enormous, the water being conveyed from Bow river to Plain at a cost of \$31 per acre. The plan promises to be a success.

WRECK ON SANTA FE

Limited Almost Demolished Near
Rathville, Mo.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 8.—The west-bound California Limited passenger train on the Santa Fe system was

wrecked at Rothville, Mo., shortly after noon today, causing the death of Engineer Wise and the fireman. The train was almost demolished. But one passenger was hurt. Congressman-elect Loud of Michigan and Rabbi Hirsch of Chicago were among the passengers, and helped to care for the injured trainmen.

WILL RUSH WORK

Stillwell Road Will Begin Building
at Once

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 8.—Construction work will begin at once on that part of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient railroad between Kansas City and Wichita, Kansas. The intention of Stillwell and his associates is to push the work of construction of the main line as rapidly as possible.

ATTEMPTED TO HOLD HIM UP

ROBT. HUTCHINSON ATTACKED
BY TWO UNKNOWN MEN

Wanted His Money But Failed to Get
It—One of the Robbers Inflicted
Ugly Cut on Arm with Knife

Two unknown men attempted to hold up Robert Hutchinson early Sunday morning near the ice plant below the city. They failed to get any money or valuables, but succeeded in inflicting a knife wound in Hutchinson's arm that took three stitches to close.

Hutchinson was walking past a row of freight cars about 2 o'clock when two men jumped out and grabbed him. They ordered him to give up his money, but he refused and a one-sided fight followed. In the scrap one of the men drew a knife and slashed Hutchinson on the arm.

In spite of the fact that the wounded man was made almost sick by the cut in his arm, he made a hard fight and succeeded in keeping his assailants from throwing him to the ground. He was able to prevent them from inflicting any more wounds with the knife, and finally broke away from the two men. They followed him a short distance and then gave up the chase.

Hutchinson says that he has no idea who made the attempt to hold him up, but thinks that it must have been some one who saw him up town during the evening, and then followed him out when he started for his home. But for the fact that he managed to break away from the two men who attacked him, and was able to get away by running, Hutchinson might have been severely dealt with by the two thugs who wanted his money bad enough to commit a murderous assault.

Thus far the police have not reported being on the track of the two men who made the bold attempt to commit robbery in an isolated part of the canyon. The spot where they made the assault is dark and not inhabited in the night time, though lively enough during the day, when business is being done.

THEY LEAVE CARACAS

Caracas, Dec. 8.—British Minister Haggard and German Charge d'Affaires Baltazzi left here today. They boarded ships for their respective countries at La Cuayra this afternoon. The British and German legations have been closed.

FOREIGN BORN INSANE

Washington, Dec. 8.—The senate committee on immigration today gave a hearing to parties interested in the bill to regulate the immigration of aliens to the United States. Testimony was offered showing that there are 24,000 inmates of the state insane hospitals of New York, of which number half are foreign born. It is stated that in ten years the foreign born of this country have cost the United States \$50,000,000.

COLD IN KANSAS

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 8.—Zero weather prevails nearly all over Kansas tonight. The Kansas river here is full of cakes of ice.

NOTED SEER IS VISITING HERE

MRS. THEODORE THOMAS PRE-
DICTED JEROME FIRE

Has Come to This City to Locate and
Engage in Salvation Army Work
Can Foretelling What Happens
ing Things.

Mrs. Theodore Thomas, the colored Salvation evangelist, noted for her prophesy, is a guest of Bisbee and will become a citizen of the great copper camp.

Mrs. Thomas is a devout member of the Salvation Army; highly educated, an orator without a peer in her calling, and as devout as she is able in her sacrifices.

It was Mrs. Thomas who made a raid upon Jerome several years ago and observing the sinful condition of that camp, predicted that the city would soon go up in smoke and flame. Those who listened to her harangue were loth to believe in such disastrous warning and did not heed the scepter of christianity so charitably extended. The warning was only too true, for according to a biblical essay, the town of Gamarrah was blasphemed and did go up in flame and was razed to the ground. The Christian woman's prediction came to pass once, occurred the second time, and upon the third instance was swept away by the ruthless flame.

Mrs. Thomas, the able Salvationist is now a citizen of Bisbee; she comes to live in the great copper camp of the Pacific coast, where she, together with her husband will reside in future.

Mrs. Thomas is an able speaker and a christian seer; she has not yet found it incumbent upon herself to predict any dire outcome for the future of Bisbee, and as her prophesies have not yet been directed against a conflagration, the community may take it that the water service is pretty good yet.

FRENCH RECIPROCITY

Washington, Dec. 8.—The first decided move in the senate in the interest of the French reciprocity treaty was made by Senator Cullom, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, while the senate was in executive session today. He called up the treaty for the purpose of securing an order for printing documents bearing on the agreement, and gave notice that he would ask the senate to take up the treaty at an early day for the purpose of disposing of it. The proposition has met with decided opposition.

THEY ARE BOTH MAD

London, Dec. 8.—Great Britain and Germany have presented ultimatums to Venezuela, which will be followed up by a seizure of customs, unless a satisfactory settlement is forthcoming within a brief period. The foreign office says: "There is not the slightest desire to coerce Venezuela. If any answer has been made to our repeated protests and demands, no such action as is now taken would have been proceeded. Her persistent and insulting disregard to all our representation which we have made cannot be stood."

BIDS WANTED FOR BIG BRIDGE

WILL BE CONSTRUCTED OVER
OPERA DRIVE NEXT YEAR

Bids Can Be Turned In To City Clerk
Kinsey at Any Time—They Will
Be Opened at the Next Meeting

City Clerk Kinsey is waiting for local contractors to turn in their bids for constructing the proposed bridge on Opera Drive above the opera house. The bids will be opened on the 6th of next month, when the city council holds its next regular meeting.

At the last meeting of the council a bid was submitted but was found to be higher than the city cares to spend on the bridge. They decided to throw out the bid and advertise for more.

"The council hopes," said City Clerk Kinsey yesterday, "that there will be more bids ready to be opened at the next meeting. This is one of the best contracts the city has yet prepared to let, and it seems to us that there should be more contractors in this city, who would be willing to submit bids."

The dimensions of the bridge can be obtained by calling at the office of the city clerk, where he will show them to all who care to submit bids. The bridge will be eighty-three feet long and fourteen feet in width. The foundation will be excavated for and the supports placed on mud sills.

The council plans to make the bridge solid enough to withstand the severe storms that will fill the canyon with water during the wet season of the year. All the planks will be fastened by bolting them together. On both sides of the bridge there will be a guard rail. This will be done in order to prevent accidents.

The property owners of this section of the city have urged that the bridge be built, claiming that it will be a great convenience not only when the water is high, but at all times of the year. The road leading from the bridge both ways will be put in shape by those owning property on the sides.

Bids for this work will be accepted by the city clerk at any time, and placed on file to be opened at the next regular meeting of the council.

KILLED BY TRAIN

Toronto, Ontario, Dec. 8.—Maudie Hughes, Gr. crude Harner and Harry Brady, while on their way home from church last night, were struck by a train at Grimsby station and all of them were killed.

ARIZONA WEATHER

Arizona—Fair Tuesday and Wednesday.

STRIKE COMMISSION EXPENSES

Washington, Dec. 8.—The senate committee on appropriations today agreed to report the house resolution, appropriating \$50,000 for the anthracite coal strike commission.

CONSUL AT NOGALES

Washington, Dec. 8.—The appointment of Albert R. Morawetz as consul at Nogales, Mexico, was confirmed by the senate today.